

DETAILED ACTION

1. Status of the instant application:

Claims 11, 21, 30, 40, 49, and 68 are cancelled in the instant application.

Claims 1, 20, 39, and 58 are currently amended in the instant application.

Claims 2-10, 12-19, 22-29, 31-38, 41-48, 50-57, 59-67, 69-76 is original in the instant application.

Claims 1-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-39, 41-48, 50-67, 69-76 are pending in the instant application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicants amendments and remarks and arguments filed 05/04/2009 have been fully considered and are found to be persuasive, please see the office action below for details.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Mendonsa on 08/26/2009.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

6. Claim 20, line 14, after "cryptographic operations", insert --, wherein the trusted platform module provides mutual authentication with a remote server prior to the host operating system obtaining control--.

7. Claim 39, line 16, after "cryptographic operations", insert --, wherein the trusted platform module provides mutual authentication with a remote server prior to the host operating system obtaining control--.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-39, 41-48, 50-67, 69-76, are allowed.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HO SHIU whose telephone number is (571)270-3810. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (8:30am - 4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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